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SUBJECT: FOREIGN LAWS ON QUESTIONABLE PAYMENTS

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1. ANSWERS KEYED TO QUESTIONS IN REFTEL:

A. YES. ARTICLE 171, SECTION 1 OF MAURITANIAN PENAL CODE SAYS THAT ANY OFFICIAL WHO SOLICITS, OR AGREES TO AN OFFER OR PROMISE OF MONEY OR GIFTS TO INFLUENCE AN OFFICIAL DECISION OR ACTION WHICH IS PART OF HIS JOB, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE DOUBLE THE VALUE OF THE OFFER OR GIFT, BUT NOT LESS THAN 100,000 CFA, AND FROM 2-10 YEARS IN JAIL.

B. NO

C. NO

D. NO, MAURITANIAN HAS ONLY ONE PARTY.

E. SAME AS D.

F. YES. ARTICLE 171, SECTION 3, AND ARTICLE 173 OF MAURITANIAN PENAL CODE SAY THAT WHOEVER OBTAINS, EITHER BY THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OR THE ABSENCE OF AN

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ACTION, USES, OFFERS, OR PROMISES A GIFT OR

PAYMENT, REGARDLESS OF VALUE, IS SUBJECT TO A
FINE OF 50,000-500,000 CFA FRANCS AND/OR, ONE
TO THREE YEARS IN JAIL.

2. FRENCH LANGUAGE TEXT OF RELEVANT PORTION OF PENAL
CODE BEING POUCHED TO L/PM. ENTIRE TEXT OF PENAL
CODE CAN BE FOUND IN MAURITANIAN JOURNAL OFFICIAL
NO. 331, DATED AUGUST 15, 1972.

3. ALTHOUGH PENAL CODE HAS NOT BEEN SO REVISED EMBASSY BELIEVES
THAT FINES WOULD BE ASSESSED IN OUGUIYA. APPROXIMATE EXCHANGE
RATES ARE: 1 CFA EQUALS 2 OULUIYA AND 1 DOLLAR EQUALS
44.2 OUGUIYA.HANDYSIDE

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